GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1195
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INCREASE IN STRENGTH OF JUDGES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CJI has recently urged the Government to increase the strength of Judges in the country to cope with the needs and demands;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether several High Courts in the country are not equipped with proper inimsiructure facilities resulting in backlog of cases; and

(d) if so,the steps taken by the Government to increase the strength of Judges in various courts and also to ensure availability of proper infrastructure facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1195 for answer on 7.3.2008

The Chief Justice of India, while speaking at the official functions organized by different bodies, has urged the Government to increase the strength of Judges in the country to cope with the needs of the judiciary.

2. The Judge strength of the High Courts was reviewed during 2006 and 2007 and with the consent of Chief Justice of India,a total of 152 additional posts of Judges in various High Courts have been approved.

3. Under Article 235 of the Constitution of India, the administrative control over the Members of the subordinate judiciary in the States vests with the concerned High Court and the State Government.As such, creation of posts in subordinate judiciary is the concern of the State Government.

4. Providing mrrastructural facilities to the High Courts is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments.However,to augment the resources of the State Governments, the Central Government is implementing a scheme for the development of infrastructure facilities for the judiciary which includes construction of court buildings and residential accommodation for judicial officers/judges. A scheme for comprehensive computerization of the District and Subordinate Courts based on the National Policy and Action Plan prepared by the E-Committee is also currently under implementation.